

Romanticism characteristics

- Feelings & intuition over reason
- Seeks unspoiled nature - Westward expansion
- Imagination
- Youthful innocence over educated sophistication
- Finds beauty & truth in exotic locales & supernatural realm
- Finds inspiration in myth, legend, and folk culture
- American settings & subject matter (American folk themes, descriptions of the American landscape, abolitionist issues, American Indian culture, and celebrations of American people, places, and events)
- Romantic hero - Youthful, innocent, intuitive, close to nature, & uneasy w/women